

# *Economic Development*

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## **Business Assistance Programs**

There are a number of business assistance programs available in Westchester County. These programs are geared to assist businesses of different sizes and in different industries. The purpose of this section is to identify these programs along with a brief description and contact information.

## **Westchester County Office of Economic Development**

The Office of Economic Development can either provide direct assistance to businesses or linkages to the appropriate resources for your business needs to succeed. For example, assistance to small businesses and start-ups can be obtained through the organizations detailed below. Established businesses can contact the Westchester County Office of Economic Development (WCOED) for “one stop shopping” assistance. The WCOED strives to streamline available assistance by analyzing the size and scope of the business and then identifying the available resources and services within a short time frame.

Please feel free to contact one of the members of the Westchester County Office of Economic Development (listed below) or visit our website at: <http://www.westchestergov.com/business.htm>.

## **Westchester County Office of Economic Development Contact Information**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Salvatore J. Carrera, Director	(914) 995-2926.	<a href="mailto:sjc3@westchestergov.com">sjc3@westchestergov.com</a>
Theresa Waivada, Deputy Director	(914) 995-2936	<a href="mailto:tgw1@westchestergov.com">tgw1@westchestergov.com</a>
Terry Masterson, Specialist	(914) 995-2988	<a href="mailto:tmm5@westchestergov.com">tmm5@westchestergov.com</a>

## List of Westchester Chambers of Commerce

Name of Organization	Web Site Address	Telephone and Contact Information
<b>African American Chamber of Commerce</b> 100 Stevens Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY	<a href="http://www.africanamericanchamberofcommercenys.org">www.africanamericanchamberofcommercenys.org</a>	P- 699-9050
<b>Bedford Hills Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O. Box 162, Bedford Hills NY 10507	<a href="http://www.bedfordhills.org">www.bedfordhills.org</a>	P- 381-3356
<b>Bronxville Chamber of Commerce</b> 81 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville NY 10708	<a href="http://www.bronxvillechamber.com">www.bronxvillechamber.com</a>	P- 337-6040
<b>Business Council of Westchester</b> 108 Corp. Park Drive, White Plains NY 10604	<a href="http://www.westchesterny.org">www.westchesterny.org</a>	P – 948-2110 E Mail: <a href="mailto:msmith@westchesterny.com">msmith@westchesterny.com</a>
<b>Chappaqua Millwood Business Association</b> P.O. Box 381, Chappaqua NY 10514	<a href="http://www.chappaquamillwood.org">www.chappaquamillwood.org</a>	P – 238-8017 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@chappaquamillwood.org">info@chappaquamillwood.org</a>
<b>Croton-on-Hudson Chamber of Commerce</b> POB 111, Croton, NY 10520		P – 271-2196
<b>Dobbs Ferry Chamber of Commerce</b> POB 444, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522	<a href="http://www.dfchamber.com">www.dfchamber.com</a>	P- 473-3346
<b>Eastchester/Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce</b> POB 66, Eastchester, NY 10709	<a href="http://www.eastchestertuckahoechamberofcommerce.com">www.eastchestertuckahoechamberofcommerce.com</a>	E Mail: <a href="mailto:cetcoc@aol.com">cetcoc@aol.com</a>
<b>Harrison Chamber of Commerce</b> 1 Heineman Place, Harrison NY 10528	<a href="http://www.theharrisoncofc.org">www.theharrisoncofc.org</a>	P – 835-7039 E Mail: <a href="mailto:harrisoncc04@yahoo.com">harrisoncc04@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Hastings Chamber of Commerce</b> 10 Main St., Hastings 10706	<a href="http://www.hastingsgov.org/W/CHAMBER">www.hastingsgov.org/W/CHAMBER</a>	
<b>Westchester Hispanic Chamber</b> 707 Westchester Ave., White Plains NY 10604	<a href="http://www.whccny.com">www.whccny.com</a>	P- 328-7181 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@whccny.com">info@whccny.com</a>
<b>Hispanic Business and Professional Association of Westchester</b> 75 South Broadway, White Plains NY 10601	<a href="http://www.hbpw.net">www.hbpw.net</a>	P- 304-4244 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@hbpw.org">info@hbpw.org</a>
<b>Irvington Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O. Box 161, Irvington 10533	<a href="http://www.irvingtonnychamber.com">www.irvingtonnychamber.com</a>	P- 591-3010 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@irvingtonnychamber.org">info@irvingtonnychamber.org</a>
<b>Katonah Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O. Box 389, Mt.Kisco 10536	<a href="http://www.katonahchamber.org">www.katonahchamber.org</a>	P – 232-2668 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@katonahchamber.org">info@katonahchamber.org</a>
<b>Lewisboro Chamber of Commerce</b>	<a href="http://www.lewisborogov.com">www.lewisborogov.com</a>	P – 763-5892

## List of Westchester Chambers of Commerce (continued)

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<b>Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce</b> 430 Center Avenue, Mamaroneck NY 10543	<a href="http://www.mamaroneckchamberofcommerce.org">www.mamaroneckchamberofcommerce.org</a>	P – 698-4400
<b>Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce</b> 3 North Moger Ave., Mt. Kisco 10549	<a href="http://www.mtkisco.com">www.mtkisco.com</a>	E Mail: <a href="mailto:mtkiscochamber@aol.com">mtkiscochamber@aol.com</a>
<b>Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O.Box 351, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550	<a href="http://www.mtvernonchamber.com">www.mtvernonchamber.com</a>	P- 667-7500
<b>New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce</b> 459 Main Street, New Rochelle 10801	<a href="http://www.newrochellechamber.org">www.newrochellechamber.org</a>	P- 632-5700 E Mail: <a href="mailto:Chamber@newrochellechamber.org">Chamber@newrochellechamber.org</a>
<b>Ossining Chamber of Commerce</b> 2 Church Street, Ossining NY 10562	<a href="http://www.ossiningchamber.org">www.ossiningchamber.org</a>	E Mail: <a href="mailto:Info@ossiningchamber.com">Info@ossiningchamber.com</a>
<b>Peekskill / Cortlandt Chamber</b> Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber 1 South Division St., Peekskill NY 10566	<a href="http://www.hvgatewaychamber.com">www.hvgatewaychamber.com</a>	P- 737-3600 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@hvgatewaychamber.com">info@hvgatewaychamber.com</a>
<b>Pelham Chamber of Commerce</b> Wolfs Lane, Pelham NY 10803	<a href="http://www.pelhamchamberofcommerce.com">www.pelhamchamberofcommerce.com</a>	
<b>Port Chester-Rye Brook Chamber</b> 110 Willett Ave., Port Chester NY 10573		P- 939-1900
<b>Scarsdale Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O. Box 635, Scarsdale 10583	<a href="http://www.scarsdalechamber.org">www.scarsdalechamber.org</a>	
<b>Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Chamber</b> 54 Main Street, Tarrytown 10591	<a href="http://www.sleepyhollowchamber.com">www.sleepyhollowchamber.com</a>	P- 631-1705 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@sleepyhollowchamber.com">info@sleepyhollowchamber.com</a>
<b>Somers Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O. Box 602, Somers NY 10589	<a href="http://www.somerschamber.org">www.somerschamber.org</a>	P- 276-3904 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@somerschamber.org">info@somerschamber.org</a>
<b>Westchester County Association</b> 707 Westchester Ave., White Plains NY 10604	<a href="http://www.westchester.org">www.westchester.org</a>	P- 948-6444 E Mail: <a href="mailto:wmooney@westchester.org">wmooney@westchester.org</a>
<b>Yonkers Chamber of Commerce</b> 55 Main Street, Yonkers NY 10701	<a href="http://www.yonkerschamber.com">www.yonkerschamber.com</a>	P- 963-0332 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@yonkerschamber.com">info@yonkerschamber.com</a>
<b>Yorktown Chamber of Commerce</b> P.O. Box 632, Yorktown Heights NY 10598	<a href="http://www.yorktownchamber.org">www.yorktownchamber.org</a>	P- 245-4599 E Mail: <a href="mailto:info@yorktownchamber.org">info@yorktownchamber.org</a>

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<p><b><u>Small Businesses Assistance</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Broad range of services and resources for existing small businesses and start ups.</p>	<p><b>NYS Small Business Development Center</b> Louis Scamardella c/o Westchester Business Council 108 Corporate Park Drive White Plains, New York 10604 Phone: 914-948-2110 Email: <a href="mailto:lscamardella@mercy.edu">lscamardella@mercy.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:sbdc@mercy.edu">sbdc@mercy.edu</a> Web: <a href="http://www.nyssbdc.org">www.nyssbdc.org</a></p> <p><b>SCORE- Counselor's to America's Small Businesses</b> Bob D'Agastino Phone: 914-948-3907 120 Bloomingdale Road White Plains, N.Y. 10605 Email: <a href="mailto:Score@w-w-w.com">Score@w-w-w.com</a> Web Site: <a href="http://www.scorewestchester.com">www.scorewestchester.com</a></p> <p><b>Small Business Institute/ Westchester Community College</b> Anne Rubenzahl Westchester Community College/Route 100 Valhalla, New York 10595 Phone: 914-606-6618 Email: <a href="mailto:ann.rubenzahl@sunywcc.edu">ann.rubenzahl@sunywcc.edu</a> Web: <a href="http://www.sunywcc.edu">www.sunywcc.edu</a></p> <p><b>Small Business Administration</b> Larry Pontillo 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10278 Phone: 212-264-9494 E Mail: <a href="mailto:larry.pontillo@sba.gov">larry.pontillo@sba.gov</a> Web: <a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a></p> <p><b>Community Capital Resources</b> Kim Jacobs 7 West Cross Street, Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532 Phone: 914-747-8020 – Extension 16 E Mail: <a href="mailto:kjacobs@ccrhv.org">kjacobs@ccrhv.org</a> Web Site: <a href="http://www.ccrhv.org">www.ccrhv.org</a></p>

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<p><b><u>Workforce Training and Hiring</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Access to skilled employees and job training for businesses of all sizes. Labor market data.</p>	<p><b>Westchester Workforce Investment Board</b> Donnovan Beckford or Karen Kyle or Milton David Phone: 914-995-3910 or 995-8631 120 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains NY 10605 Email: <a href="mailto:dpb2@westchestergov.com">dpb2@westchestergov.com</a> Or <a href="mailto:mdd6@westchestergov.com">mdd6@westchestergov.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com">www.westchestergov.com</a></p> <p><b>NYS Department of Labor</b> Margaret Herrera Ph: 914-997-9552 120 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, N.Y. 10605 E Mail: <a href="mailto:Margaret.herrera@labor.state.ny.us">Margaret.herrera@labor.state.ny.us</a> Web: <a href="http://www.labor.state.ny.us">www.labor.state.ny.us</a></p>
<p><b><u>International Commerce/Foreign Trade</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> The EAC helps businesses expand into new global markets. Services include export marketing assistance, channels of distribution, market research, detailed export data, trade regulations and financing resources.</p>	<p><b>Export Assistance Center (EAC)</b> <b>US Commerce Department</b> Joan Kanlian, Director 707 Westchester Avenue – Suite 209 White Plains, N.Y. 10604 Phone: 914-682-6712 Email: <a href="mailto:Office.Westchester@mail.doc.gov">Office.Westchester@mail.doc.gov</a> Web: <a href="http://www.usatrade.gov">www.usatrade.gov</a></p>
<p><b><u>Transportation</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> WCDOT can offer businesses individual transit assistance for each employee called the “Smart Commute” Program.</p>	<p><b>Department of Transportation/Westchester County</b> Tony Offurum 100 East First Street, Mount Vernon, N.Y. 10550 Phone: 914-813-6006 Email: <a href="mailto:TVO1@westchestergov.com">TVO1@westchestergov.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com/smartcommute/">www.westchestergov.com/smartcommute/</a></p>
<p><b><u>Car and Van Pools</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Metro Pool offers resources for the creation and operation of car and van pools. Ride matching for commuters. Guaranteed Ride Home Program</p>	<p><b>Metro Pool</b> Butch Veronesi, Regional Mgr. 707 Westchester Avenue, White Plains NY 10604 Phone: 914-993-6474 Email: <a href="mailto:bveronesi@metropool.com">bveronesi@metropool.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.metropool.com">www.metropool.com</a> <a href="http://www.easystreetny.com">www.easystreetny.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Women Owned Business Assistance</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> The Women’s Enterprise Development Center provides many avenues of assistance to start-up or existing women owned businesses.</p>	<p><b>Women’s Enterprise Development Center - WEDC</b> Contact: Anne Janiak or Fran Reinstein 707 Westchester Avenue, White Plains NY 10604 Phone: 914-948-6098 E Mail: <a href="mailto:freinstein@westchester.org">freinstein@westchester.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.wedc-westchester.org">www.wedc-westchester.org</a></p>

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<p><b><u>Business Membership Organizations</u></b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Organizations that provide networking, professional fellowship, education, training and informational events.</p>	<p><b>The Business Council of Westchester</b> Contact: Marsha Gordon, President and CEO 108 Corporate Park Drive – Suite 101 White Plains, N.Y. 10604 Phone: (914) 948-2110 E Mail: <a href="mailto:mgordon@westchesterny.org">mgordon@westchesterny.org</a> <a href="http://www.westchesterny.org">www.westchesterny.org</a></p> <p><b>The Westchester County Association</b> Contact: William Mooney, President 707 Westchester Avenue – Suite 213 White Plains, N.Y. 10604 Phone: (914) 948-6444 E Mail: <a href="mailto:wmooney@westchester.org">wmooney@westchester.org</a> <a href="http://www.westchester.org">www.westchester.org</a></p> <p><b>Westchester African American Chamber of Commerce</b> Contact: Robin Douglas, President 100 Stevens Avenue – Suite 202 Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10550 Phone: (914) 699-9050 E Mail: <a href="mailto:robinlisadouglas@cs.com">robinlisadouglas@cs.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.aaccnys.org">www.aaccnys.org</a></p> <p><b>Westchester Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</b> Contact: Ms. Fannie Lansch, President 707 Westchester Avenue – Suite 213 White Plains, N.Y. 10604 Phone: 914-328-7181 E Mail: <a href="mailto:FLansch@unionstate.com">FLansch@unionstate.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.whccny.com">www.whccny.com</a></p> <p><b>Westchester Assoc. of Women Business Owners –WAWBO:</b> <b>%Women’s Enterprise Development Center</b> Contact: Anne Janiak or Fran Reinstein 707 Westchester Avenue, White Plains NY 10604 Phone: 914-948-6098 E Mail: <a href="mailto:freinstein@westchester.org">freinstein@westchester.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.wedc-westchester.org">www.wedc-westchester.org</a></p> <p><b>Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce</b> Serving Northwestern Westchester County Contact: Ron Forehand, President 1 South Division Street Peekskill, New York 10566 Phone: 914-737-3600 E Mail: <a href="mailto:rforehand@hvgatewaychamber.com">rforehand@hvgatewaychamber.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.hvgatewaychamber.com">www.hvgatewaychamber.com</a></p>

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<p><b>Westchester County Office of Economic Development:</b> 148 Martine Avenue – Room 902 White Plains, New York 10601</p> <p>The Office of Economic Development can provide direct business assistance or refer inquiries to the services in this document. Current demographic and statistical data is available. Please access our web site at <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com">www.westchestergov.com</a> Westchester operates an Industrial Development Agency which is listed below.</p>	<p>Contact: Salvatore J. Carrera Director, Office of Economic Development Phone: (914) 995-2963 E Mail: <a href="mailto:sjc3@westchestergov.com">sjc3@westchestergov.com</a></p> <p>Contact: Theresa Waivada Executive Director Westchester Industrial Development Agency Phone: (914) 995-2936 E Mail: <a href="mailto:tgw1@westchestergov.com">tgw1@westchestergov.com</a></p> <p>Contact: Terry Masterson Assistant to the County Executive for Economic Development Phone: (914) 995-2988 E Mail: <a href="mailto:tmm5@westchestergov.com">tmm5@westchestergov.com</a></p>
<p><b>Westchester County Industrial Development Agency (WCIDA):</b> IDA's are New York State public benefit corporations and the vehicle for local economic development benefits. They can provide benefits to businesses relocating or expanding in Westchester, as well as tax exempt bonding for tax exempt entities.</p> <p><b>Local IDA Agencies:</b> The municipalities of Yonkers, Mt. Pleasant, Port Chester, Peekskill, Mt. Vernon, and New Rochelle operate their own IDA agencies. Please refer to the information below on local development agencies.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> Theresa Waivada, Executive Director Westchester County Industrial Development Agency 148 Martine Avenue – Room White Plains, New York 10601 – Room 903 Phone: (914) 995-2936 E Mail: <a href="mailto:tgw1@westchestergov.com/ida">tgw1@westchestergov.com/ida</a></p>
<p><b>Local Economic Development Offices:</b> The major cities of Westchester have development offices which assist businesses.</p>	<p><b>Mount Vernon:</b> Contact: Ms. Carmen Sylvester One Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10550 Phone: (914) 699-7230 E Mail: <a href="mailto:csylvester@cmvny.com">csylvester@cmvny.com</a> Web Site: <a href="http://www.ci">www.ci</a>.</p> <p><b>New Rochelle:</b> Contact: Mr. Craig King, Commissioner or Jeremy Schulman 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801 Phone: (914) 654-2182 or (654-2193 –Schulman) E Mail: <a href="mailto:cking@ci.new-rochelle.ny.us">cking@ci.new-rochelle.ny.us</a> <a href="mailto:jschulman@ci.new-rochelle.ny.us">jschulman@ci.new-rochelle.ny.us</a> Web Site: <a href="http://www.newrochelleny.com">www.newrochelleny.com</a></p> <p><i>See below for additional ciities:</i></p>

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<p><b>Local Economic Development Offices cont'd</b></p>	<p><b>Peekskill:</b>            Contact: Mr. Christopher Marra            Director of Economic Development            840 Main Street, Peekskill N.Y. 10566            Phone: (914) 734-4214            Web Site: <a href="http://www.ci.peekskill.ny.us">www.ci.peekskill.ny.us</a>            E Mail: <a href="mailto:cmarra@cityofpeekskill.com">cmarra@cityofpeekskill.com</a></p> <p><b>White Plains:</b>            Contact: Mr. Paul Wood            255 Main Street, White Plains, N.Y. 10601            Phone: (914) 422-1411            E Mail: <a href="mailto:pwood@ci.white-plains.ny.us">pwood@ci.white-plains.ny.us</a>            Web Site: <a href="http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com">www.cityofwhiteplains.com</a></p> <p><b>Yonkers:</b>            Contact: Ms. Helen Tvedt            Special Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development            40 South Broadway, Yonkers, N.Y. 10701            Phone: (914) 377-6156            Web: <a href="http://www.yonkersecondev.com">www.yonkersecondev.com</a>            E Mail: <a href="mailto:Helen.Tvedt@cityofyonkers.com">Helen.Tvedt@cityofyonkers.com</a></p> <p>Contact: Ms. Ellen Lynch, President/CEO            Yonkers Industrial Development Agency            470 Nepperhan Ave., Suite 200            Yonkers, New York 10701            Phone: 914-509-8651            E Mail: <a href="mailto:ellen.lynch@yonkersida.com">ellen.lynch@yonkersida.com</a>            Web Site: <a href="http://www.cityofyonkersida.com">www.cityofyonkersida.com</a></p>
<p><b>Local Development Zones:</b>            Development zones offer financial incentives, cost reductions, wage and tax credits and other services to businesses that operate within certain boundaries.</p>	<p><b>City of Yonkers Empire Zone</b>            Contact: Ms. Mary Alice Brady, Zone Coordinator            Phone: (914) 377-6136            E Mail: <a href="mailto:MaryAlice.brady@cityofyonkers.com">MaryAlice.brady@cityofyonkers.com</a>            Web: <a href="http://www.yonkersny.gov">www.yonkersny.gov</a></p> <p><b>City of Yonkers Empowerment Zone</b>            Contact: Ms. Helen Tvedt            Phone: (914) 377-6797            E Mail: <a href="mailto:Helen.tvedt@cityofyonkers.com">Helen.tvedt@cityofyonkers.com</a>            Web: <a href="http://www.yonkersny.gov">www.yonkersny.gov</a></p> <p><b>City of Mount Vernon Empire Zone</b>            Contact: Ira Mines, Director of Development            Phone: (914) 699-7230            E Mail: <a href="mailto:imines@ci.mount-vernon.ny.us">imines@ci.mount-vernon.ny.us</a>            Web: <a href="http://www.ci.mount-vernon.ny.us">www.ci.mount-vernon.ny.us</a></p>

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<p><b>Bidding on Government Contracts – Procurement</b> Resources are available to help a business learn how to bid on government contracts with Westchester County and the federal government</p>	<p><b>Westchester County Contracting</b> Contact: Terry Masterson Office of Economic Development – 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. 10601 Phone: 914-995-2988 E Mail: <a href="mailto:tmm5@westchestergov.com">tmm5@westchestergov.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com">www.westchestergov.com</a> or <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com/rfp/defaultcontracts">www.westchestergov.com/rfp/defaultcontracts</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> For Minority and Women Owned Business Contracting see information box below.</p> <p><b>Procurement Technical Assistance Center - PTAC</b> PTAC can help businesses market and bid their services and products to federal, state and local governments. Government agencies spend nearly \$200 billion a year buying goods and services. PTAC offers one-on-one counseling sessions to explain the procurement process.</p> <p><b>PTAC</b> Rockland Economic Development Corporation One Blue Hill Plaza Pearl River, New York 10965 Phone: 845-735-7040 E Mail: <a href="mailto:maryannw@redc.org">maryannw@redc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:info@redc.org">info@redc.org</a> Web : <a href="http://www.redc.org">www.redc.org</a></p>
<p><b>Minority and Women Owned Business Program</b> Westchester County offers many forms of assistance to minority and women owned businesses. In addition to the business assistance programs listed in this directory which are available to any business; there is a section of the Westchester County government web site dedicated to helping minority and women owned businesses. Please go to : <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com/mwob">www.westchestergov.com/mwob</a></p> <p>The MWOB web site offers on line registration for bidding on county contracts, listing on the MWOB Database of businesses, links to helpful workshops and training classes. Sign up for e mail information alerts on business opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> Ms. Tracey Mitchell Director, Office of African American Affairs 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. 10601 Phone: 914-995-2934 E Mail: <a href="mailto:tqm2@westchestergov.com">tqm2@westchestergov.com</a> Web Site: <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com">www.westchestergov.com</a></p> <p><b>Minority Business Development Agency – MBDA</b> MBDA is dedicated to empowering minority business enterprises for the purpose of wealth creation. Technical assistance is provided. Web Site: <a href="http://www.mbda.gov">www.mbda.gov</a></p>

Category	Contact Information
<p><b>Registering Your Business</b>                      If you are conducting a business in Westchester County under a name other than your own, and are not a corporation, limited partnership or limited liability company, you must file a Business Certificate indicating your Westchester County address with the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.</p>	<p><b>Westchester County Clerk’s Office</b>                      110 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. – Room 330                      White Plains, New York 10601                      Phone: 914-995-3070                      E Mail: <a href="mailto:CC-Legal@westchestergov.com">CC-Legal@westchestergov.com</a>                      Web Site: <a href="http://www.westchesterclerk.com">www.westchesterclerk.com</a></p>
<p><b>Start Up Small Business Loan Fund</b>                      Loan amounts from \$2,500 to \$30,000 to assist small and start-up businesses. Borrowers must first have been declined by a lending institution and must conduct their operations within Westchester and Rockland counties. Other rules apply                      Applications are available on line at:  <a href="http://www.economic.westchestergov.com">www.economic.westchestergov.com</a>                      See menu bar for “Doing Business”</p>	<p><b>Westchester/Rockland Revolving Loan Fund</b>                      Contact: Terry Masterson                      Office of Economic Development                      148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. 10601                      PhoneL 914-995-2988                      E Mail: <a href="mailto:imm5@westchestergov.com">imm5@westchestergov.com</a>                      Web Site: <a href="http://www.westchestergov.com">www.westchestergov.com</a></p>
<p><b>Small Business Loans and Assistance:</b>                      The SBA provides a wide range of business services. The SBA Express program provides financing up to \$2 million with a simplified bank application and a response time of 36 hours.</p>	<p><b>Small Business Administration</b>                      Larry Pontillo                      26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10278                      Phone: 212-264-9494                      E Mail: <a href="mailto:larry.pontillo@sba.gov">larry.pontillo@sba.gov</a>                      Web: <a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a></p>
<p><b>New York State Economic Development :</b>                      Also known as Empire State Development (ESD). New York State offers and sponsors a large number of programs and services for businesses of all sizes.</p>	<p><b>Empire State Development</b>                      Mr. Michael Oates, Regional Director                      Westchester Regional Office                      123 Main Street, White Plains NY 10601                      Phone: (914) 831-9008                      E Mail: <a href="mailto:moates@empire.state.ny.us">moates@empire.state.ny.us</a>                      Web Site: <a href="http://www.empire.state.ny.us">www.empire.state.ny.us</a></p>